quantum of troops deployed in the State of Jammu and Kashmir is continuously assessed and reviewed by the Army based on the changing threat perception.

Withdrawal of troops from J and K

†3710. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the process of withdrawal of troops from Jammu & Kashmir has started;

(b) the number of troops withdrawn so far;

(c) the total number of troops proposed to be withdrawn; and

(d) by when this work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) The quantum of troops deployed in the State of Jammu and Kashmir is continuously assessed and reviewed by the Army based on the changing threat perception.

Strategy regarding safety in Indian Ocean region

†3711. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the concerns of India regarding safety in the Indian Ocean region;

(b) whether any strategy has been made to deal with these concerns; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) India's security concerns in Indian Ocean Region (IOR) are primarily related to the following aspects:-

(i) Territorial disputes,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.